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AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KADUNA 0174

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, NI

SUBJECT: ABORTIVE COUP

REF: LAGOS 1872

1. BPAO HILL RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL AT HOME FROM OUTRAGED NIGERIAN IN ZARIA AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 13 WHO BLAMING US FOR DIMKA'S ATTEMPTED COUP. HILL WAS ABLE CALM CALLER DOWN BY ADVISING HIM THAT USG HAS STRICT POLICY OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN NIGERIAN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS AND INVITING HIM TO VISIT USIS FOR DISCUSSION US POLICIES TOWARD NIGERIA.

2. BELIEVE IT NOT UNLIKELY THAT MORE EXCITABLE AND NAIVE ELEMENTS MAY JUMP TO SAME CONCLUSION AS ZARIA CALLER BECAUSE OF US-NIGERIAN DIFFERENCES OVER ANGOLA. REPORT OF IBADAN DEVELOPMENTS (PARA 2 REFTTEL) WOULD SEEM TO SUPPORT THIS HYPOTHESIS.

3. SITUATION IN KADUNA HAS BEEN CALM UP TILL NOW. THERE WAS MARKED LACK OF VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRAIN TRAFFIC EARLY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. MORE VEHICLES AND PEOPLE WERE VISIBLE ON STREETS
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AS AFTERNOON PROGRESSED. CURFEW WAS SPOTTILY OBSERVED DURING

EVENING HOURS. TOWN APPEARS NORMAL TODAY. NO REPEAT NO
INCIDENTS INVOLVING AMERICANS HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO US. TWO
AMCIT BUSINESSMEN DRIVING FROM JOS TO LAGOS CALLED AT
CONSULATE EARLY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND ACCEPTED OUR ADVICE
THAT THEY WHOULD DEFER FURTHER ROAD TRAVEL TO LAGOS UNTIL
SITUATION CLEARER. THEY STAYING AT HOTEL HERE; CONSULATE
SENT DIRECT-PASS MESSAGES TO FAMILIES IN US ADVISING THEIR
WHEREABOUTS.
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